

The recent decision by Sinclair Broadcasting to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge. By law it is obligated to serve the public interest. However, when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. , In an election period it is especially important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter instead of something produced at a network's "News Central".

Sinclair's actions show blatant disregard for the public interest and are further evidence of why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.